

Listing Number: 476-14-02
Starting Wage: \$38.00 hourly or \$6,587 monthly

Opening Date: 03-31-14
Closing Date: Until filled
(Agency Use): _____

**STATE AGENCY
JOB VACANCY NOTICE**

POSITION TITLE: Veterinarian I (Horse Racetrack) CLASSIFICATION #: 4125, B23
AGENCY: Texas Racing Commission
ADDRESS: 8505 Cross Park Drive #110, Austin, TX 78754 WORK LOCATION: Grand Prairie, TX
REFER TO: Linda Powell By Appointment: Yes X No _____ TELEPHONE: 512-833-6699
NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 1 DURATION: Regular _____ Seasonal/Summer Job X
Temporary _____ Will terminate on _____
MERIT SYSTEM: Yes X No _____ Part Time _____ Hours/Week 20-30(est)
TYPING: N/A _____ Yes X No _____ SHORTHAND: N/A X YES _____ NO _____
W.P.M. _____ No more than _____ errors
TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE: Yes _____ No X Operator _____ Commercial _____ Chauffeur _____
TRAVEL REQUIRED: Yes X No _____ % SHIFTS 1ST _____ 2ND _____ 3RD _____ Rotating _____
POSTING APPROVED BY: _____ DATE _____

Executive Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex veterinary work involving specialized professional diagnostic and prognostic evaluation of conditions of racing animals. Oversee all matters regarding animal health, welfare and husbandry practices on the grounds of the racetrack and report irregularities to the Board of Stewards. Works under limited supervision with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Make soundness determinations for horses injured, ill or lame. Enter that data into Commission database along with recommendations for subsequent evaluations.
- When necessary, make recommendation for the removal of a horse from competition or, if necessary, humanely destroy the horse.
- Act as primary liaison between the Racing Commission and horsemen, practicing veterinarians, and all other direct horse care and service personnel on matters relating to the rules and policies governing animal health and welfare issues.
- Have general oversight of all test barn activities and personnel.
- Interface with other racing officials for all matters pertaining to horse care, communicable disease, livestock regulatory matters, and medication questions.
- Forward all workload data, incident reports, deviations from standard testing procedures, and policy inquiries to the Chief Veterinarian for action.
- Oversee practicing veterinarians and direct submission of essential samples and diagnostic procedures required by rules and policy.
- Primary headquarters is Lone Star Park; limited travel to other tracks as necessary.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Graduate of a licensed accredited college of veterinary medicine.
- Eligible for licensure by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.
- Current licensure in good standing with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).
- Current State and Federal Accreditation status desirable.
- At least four (4) years experience as a practicing (equine performance) or racetrack regulatory veterinarian.
- Experience in governmental/regulatory practice is beneficial but not required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Demonstrated ability to evaluate race animals for soundness and health.
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills
- Computer and keyboard proficiency
- Willingness to work in barn and racetrack environment
- Willingness to work weekends and holidays

DISCLOSURE:

All Commission employees must undergo a criminal history background check. The Texas Racing Act contains additional provisions that set out causes for rejection of employment. (Will be provided upon request.)

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a State of Texas Application for Employment referencing the above position number and title to: Texas Racing Commission, Attention: Linda Powell, P. O. Box 12080, Austin, TX 78711-2080 or e-mail to jobs@txrc.state.tx.us. You may request an application from the Commission office at 8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 110, Austin, TX 78754, phone (512) 833-6699, fax (512) 833-6907 or visit our web site at <http://www.txrc.texas.gov>. Resumes may be submitted in addition to but not in lieu of the employment application.